



Newham Voting for Change Press release 29th January 2021 For immediate release

Following the decision announced today in favour of Newham Council, local voters will now have a clear choice between two different models of local government.

Newham Voting for Change, the campaign for a committee structure, welcomed today's judgment upholding the council's decision that the choice on the ballot paper should be between the committee structure and the current Mayoral system.

Speaking on behalf of Newham Voting for Change, Josephine Grahl said: "This means that on the 6 May Newham voters have a real choice between a more open and democratic system and the status quo. We're pleased that we can now get on with campaigning for the committee system and are looking forward to talking to Newham residents about the reasons to vote for change in May."

Another spokesperson for the campaign, Cllr John Whitworth, added: "The committee structure is a genuine alternative to the Mayoral system, and we think Newham voters will be enthusiastic about having a real say in how their council is run. We look forward to making the arguments for the committee system and we encourage everyone with an interest in local government to get involved in our campaign."

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Notes for editors

Newham Voting for Change is a campaign group made up of Newham residents and councillors campaigning for the committee structure in the local governance referendum.

According to advice from Newham Council, the question on the ballot paper on 6 May 2021 will be:

How would you like the London Borough of Newham to be run?

- *By a mayor who is elected by voters. This is how the council is run now.*
- *By one or more committees made up of elected councillors. This would be a change from how the council is run now.*